

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

The specification has been amended on page 20 to include reference numeral 2 of Fig.

1. The specification has been amended on page 5 to include a brief description of new Drawings Fig. 2A, Fig. 2B, and Fig. 2C. Support for amended Fig. 1 is found in original Fig. 1. Support for new Figs. 2A, 2B, and 2C is found throughout the original specification. No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.

Applicants thank Examiner Miller for the helpful and courteous discussion of January 9, 2004. During the discussion, the Examiner indicated that the submission of amended drawings may bring the application in condition for allowance. Applicants submit the changes to the drawings and specification obviate the objection to the formal matters noted by the Office in the Quayle Action of January 9, 2004.

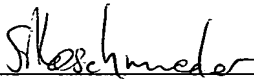
Applicants submit the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request its passage to Issue.

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